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1. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE TOME MEETING OF THE EPG HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE ITALIANS WERE CHARGED WITH RE RESPONSIBILITY CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. DCM RENNER ASKED DAVIGNON WHETHER THEY HAD REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS ON "RELATIONS WITH OTHER ALLIES". HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER. ALL IEPG PARTICIPANTS REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER ALLIES. ACCORDINGLY THE ARMAMENT DIRECTORS WERE ASKED TO STUDY THIS MATTER AND REPORT BACK TO THE EPG.
- 3. TURNING TO A RELATED MATTER, RENNER ASKED WHY BELGIUM FAVORED TERMINATING THE NATO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTEROPERABILITY. DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEM WAS TO FIND THE BEST WAY FOR NATO TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY. BUT THE ANSWER WAS NOT TO CONTINUE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WHOSE TASK HAS BEEN FINISHED. HE FAVORED TRYING TO RATIONALIZE AND STREAMLINE HO W NATL DEALS WITH THIS MATTER. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS. FIRESTONE

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